

Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ Workshop set to discuss trade corridor fund priorities

A special meeting of the SANBAG Board of Directors will be held July 19 to discuss projects that have the greatest chance of receiving funding through the Proposition 1B Trade Corridors Improvement Fund.

The meeting was scheduled in response to recommendations by Board members and representatives of Inland Action, who spoke about the need to begin advocating now for funding for specific projects.

During the meeting, Board members will review projects that may qualify for funding for this category of bond funding. Projects that may be considered include bridge and ramp improvements to Interstate 10, the widening of Route 58, the Colton Crossing railroad grade separation, the new High Desert Corridor, improvements to the Interstate 15/Interstate 215 interchange in Devore, and a variety of street/railroad grade separations across the county.

■ Board awards interchange construction contract

Construction of a new interchange at Live Oak Canyon Road and Interstate 10 in Yucaipa will be underway soon, following the Board's approval of a contract with Riverside Construction.

The \$11.89 million contract will cover the replacement of the current two-lane bridge with a new five-lane bridge. Eastbound and westbound ramps will be widened and realigned, and traffic signals will be installed. Work is expected to begin later this summer and last about 18 months.

The project is funded by the state's Traffic Congestion Relief Program, developer fees and the City of Yucaipa, which advanced funds that will be repaid from Measure I 2010-2040 revenue.

■ Aldana praised for 15 years of service to SANBAG

Anna Aldana, assistant to the clerk of the Board, was honored for her 15 years of service to SANBAG.

New Board President Lawrence Dale, pictured at right with Aldana, presented her with a lapel pin to commemorate her long-time service to the agency.



■ Route 210 expected to open by end of July

Executive Director Tony Grasso announced that the long-awaited opening of Route 210 in Rialto and San Bernardino may occur as early as the end of this month.

Crews still need to install controllers for ramp meters, place milepost markers along the freeway shoulders and finalize safety inspections before the freeway can open to drivers.

The final 7.25 miles of freeway have been under construction since 2003 and had been projected to open during the second half of 2007. The freeway will include three mixed-flow lanes and a carpool lane in each direction and have on-ramps and off-ramps at Alder Avenue, Ayala Drive, Riverside Avenue and State Street.

SANBAG July Travel Tip . . .

Summer is the time for vacation travels, and SANBAG wants drivers to be safe. For road trips, be sure to service your car before you leave, get maps of your destination, check www.CommuteSmart.info for traffic and travel conditions, pack snacks and plenty of water and make sure to stop to rest along the way.



Down the road ...

- July 18: Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.
- July 19: Board Workshop, Trade Corridors Project Priorities, 9 a.m.
- July 19: Commuter Rail Committee, 9 a.m.

Early work to begin on three new projects

Board OKs contracts for I-10 carpool lanes, Devore interchange, Colton Crossing

Three high-profile projects in the San Bernardino Valley soon will be in the early stages of development, with the approval of consultant contracts totaling \$21.2 million.

Project development activities include preliminary engineering and environmental clearance, which will allow future work on final design and construction. Contracts were awarded to:

- Parsons Transportation Group for Interstate 10 carpool lanes from Ontario to Redlands, \$10.5 million
- HDR, Inc. for the Colton Crossing railroad grade separation, \$3.7 million
- LAN Engineering Corporation for the Interstate 15/Interstate 215 Devore interchange, \$7 million

This month's edition of **Street Smart** offers an overview of these three projects, which are expected to help relieve traffic congestion and improve the movement of freight through the region.

■ **Interstate 10 Carpool Lanes**

This contract will cover early engineering and environmental work on nearly 26 miles of new carpool lanes on Interstate 10 between Haven Avenue in Ontario and Ford Street in Redlands. These lanes will connect with the 10 miles of carpool lanes in Ontario and Montclair that opened to drivers in January 2000.

This stage of work will include engineering support services, development of a project report, environmental services, development of the environmental document, technical studies and submission of studies and reports. Work is expected to start later this summer and continue until mid-2012. Funding will be provided by current Measure I funds and repaid with funds from Measure I 2010-2040.

The eventual construction project is expected to widen the existing freeway and interchanges, realign on-ramps and off-ramps, include auxiliary lanes and improve drainage.

■ **Colton Crossing Railroad Grade Separation**

With close to 150 trains operated by Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific Railway crossing at this railroad intersection every day, freight delays are common. This contract will encompass preliminary engineering and engineering support services and involve preparing a project report and environmental document.

Up to five design alternatives will be devel-



Nearly 150 trains travel the Colton Crossing daily, including about 40 operated by Union Pacific, 100 operated by Burlington Northern Santa Fe, eight by Metrolink and several by Amtrak.

oped for analysis within the study area, leading to a final recommended preferred alternative. This preferred alternative will be developed to a 25% design level. One concept included in the Caltrans Project Study Report is to route the east-west Union Pacific tracks over the north-south Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks. This would involve a bridge measuring 1.7 miles and following a grade of less than 1%. Another concept includes routing one set of tracks underground in a trench or tunnel. The study will determine which of the alternatives are feasible from an engineering perspective, the costs associated with the alternatives and public support.



A truck bypass lane is one element of planned improvements to the Interstate 15/Interstate 215 interchange in Devore.

■ **Interstate 15/215 Devore Interchange**

The Interstate 15/Interstate 215 interchange in Devore is a notorious bottleneck, especially during weekends and peak morning and afternoon commute hours. This project will include preliminary engineering and environmental clearance for the realignment, expansion and operational improvements to this interchange.

A major element of the contract is the addition of truck bypass lanes to move slower moving trucks away from mixed-flow lanes through the interchange. Work will begin this summer and is expected to conclude by early 2011. Funds for this phase of work are provided by the current Measure I and will be repaid from 2010-2040 Measure I funds for the Cajon Pass region.